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The current proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust case is UNACCEPTABLE. It does little to prevent the future use of their unfair and unlawful business practices, and nothing at all to punish their past arrogance and greed. Every one of the handful of antitrust trials brought against Microsoft in the last decade has established the same thing: that Microsoft, in one or another of its markets, has used illegal practices to gain an unfair advantage or force competitors out of business. I, and millions of others, are tired of paying artificially inflated prices for insecure, bug-riddled software from a *convicted* monopolist. We can NOT allow Microsoft off this time with a mere slap on the wrist. They have committed great wrongs and caused great harm to the PC software market; the punishment must be equally as great. They must be made to pay reparations to the system vendors and internet providers which they have entangled in dictatorial contracts, and to the businesses, schools, and individuals whom they have bilked with outrageous licensing schemes and inflated prices. Microsoft owes an immeasurable amount of its ill-gotten fortune to corporations such as Netscape, Digital Research, Stac Electronics, Symantec, and a host of other companies long since vanished--all due to MS' blatantly selfish and anticompetitive dealings. The era of Microsoft arrogance and dominance must end, and it must end NOW.

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